The Cleveland Museum of Art

CMA Ohio City Stages

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New summer series features global music, contemporary film and more

CLEVELAND (June 12, 2013) — Ohio City will be the place to be on Wednesday nights this July as the Cleveland Museum of Art launches a new free summer series: CMA Ohio City Stages, presented by Charter One. Taking place on the block surrounding Transformer Station (West 29th Street), the museum will bring acclaimed global musical artists to a neighborhood stage.

Bellwether, a project of the museum's Contemporary Arts Society, will show films selected by contemporary artists on the Transformer Station lawn beginning at 9:30 p.m. Food and beverage will also be available for purchase at the block parties.

CMA Ohio City Stages is presented by Charter One. The series is sponsored by Great Lakes Brewing Company and the Cleveland Vibrator Company. Special thanks to Ohio City Inc., North Water Partners and the Ohio City Firehouse, and Lutheran Hospital.

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Wednesday, July 3: Amadou & Mariam
7:30 p.m.
This husband-and-wife duo from Mali has developed an innovative Afro-pop sound that fuses Amadou's electric blues guitar and the interplay of their voices. Recent performances include a Nobel Peace Prize concert in honor of President Obama, the opening of the last two FIFA World Cups and a tour with U2.

9:30 p.m.
Multidisciplinary artist Julia Christensen's séance consists of two films about the cosmos: *The Voyagers* (2010) and *Interkosmos* (2006).

Wednesday, July 10: Fanfare Ciocarlia
7:30 p.m.
From the small village of Zece Prajini, Romania, this Balkan brass band plays gypsy music as you've never heard it before. Fanfare Ciocarlia has released eight albums, several of which have topped the European World Music charts.

9:30 p.m.
Kevin Beasley will create a "DJ Mix" of shorts and clips ranging from contemporary artist videos to Hollywood films.

Wednesday, July 17: Aurelio Martinez
7:30 p.m.
A Central American singer, composer and guitarist from a small fishing village in Honduras, Martinez brings a bittersweet vocal style to traditional song forms, particularly Garifuna music. His music blends acoustic instruments with soulful vocals, setting the stage for an emotive fusion of traditional and modern sound.

9:30 p.m.
Lenka Clayton will screen two documentaries: *Girl Chewing Gum* (1976) and *2 into 1* (1997).

Wednesday, July 24: Aziz Sahmaoui & University of Gnawa
7:30 p.m.
Mixing traditional songs with new compositions and western influences, this band from Morocco explores Gnawa trance music – a fusion of Arabic north and sub-Saharan south sounds.

9:30 p.m.
Video clips arranged by Jerry Birchfield, followed by the Buster Keaton film, *Sherlock Jr.* (1924).

Wednesday, July 31: Novalima
7:30 p.m.
Novalima marries Afro-Peruvian rhythms with sophisticated funk and groove. This high-energy, seven-piece band sets new standards in contemporary music from Latin America.

9:30 p.m.
Jacob Ciocci will select a feature-length film.

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About the Cleveland Museum of Art

The Cleveland Museum of Art is renowned for the quality and breadth of its collection, which includes more than 63,000 artworks and spans 6,000 years of achievement in the arts. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship and performing arts and is a leader in digital innovations. One of the top comprehensive art museums in the nation, recognized for its award-winning Open Access program and free of charge to all, the Cleveland Museum of Art is located in the University Circle neighborhood.

The museum is supported in part by residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and made possible in part by the Ohio Arts Council (OAC), which receives support from the State of Ohio and the National Endowment for the Arts. The OAC is a state agency that funds and supports quality arts experiences to strengthen Ohio communities culturally, educationally and economically. For more information about the museum and its holdings, programs and events, call 888-CMA-0033 or visit cma.org [1].

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